

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 3, please amend paragraph [0014] to read as follows:

[00014] Referring more particularly to the single figure of the drawings, it shows an aluminum alloy rivet 12 with a coating 14 on its outer surface. The rivet is initially heat treated to increase its shear strength, with the elevated temperatures and the time of heat treatment depending on the particular aluminum alloy which is employed. The heat treated rivet may be stored for extended periods of time, or may be coated soon after heat treatment.